



CONNECTICUT FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL

December 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Location: Office of Protection and Advocacy, Training Room

In attendance:

Lisa Sheppard, *Co-Chair*, Marie Bennett, Jennifer Carroll, Mona Tremblay, Sharon Dexler, Colleen Hayles, Ann Gionet, Terry Cote, Jim McGaughey, Thomas Brooks

Call to Order: 10:18 a.m. by Co-Chair Lisa Sheppard.

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Review of November Meeting Minutes

Changes indicated.

Jim McGaughey made a motion to accept minutes with changes. Mona Tremblay seconded the motion. Ann Gionet, Sharon Dexler, Jennifer Carroll, Terry Cote abstained

Old Business:

By-Laws sub-committee will meet on December 21, 2011 at the Office of the Child Advocate.

Priority Goals—Legislative Agenda

Draft memo distributed to Council members regarding the FSC Annual Report.

Legislative Breakfast

To be held on February 9, 2012. Information submitted. Thank you, Karen Geary for your assistance.

Annual Report

To include supports which are available and working, areas of improvement, collaboration of services and elimination of duplication.

For next year: FSC – Fall/October 2012:

- Support for families who have children with DD
- Round table with moderator (Commissioner), state agency, parents, public, stakeholders.
- 3 key questions:
 - What are the challenges
 - What is working (best practice)

- Plan/recommendations for the future—goals/objectives that will be worked upon throughout the year

This would be the basis for the Annual Report in 2013.

Legislative Office Building Press Release

Date/Time: TBD

Forum summary and photos

Sub-Committee Annual Report:

Jennifer Carroll

Terry Cote

Marie Bennett

Lisa Sheppard

Robyn Trowbridge

Department information to the FSC by January 10, 2012

- On January 12, 2012 the FSC will review the agency information.
- On January 18, 2012 the sub-committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the East Hartford DDS office
- On February 1, 2012 the sub-committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the East Hartford DDS office

Family Support Network will provide family input for us to discuss the systemic issue.

Correspondence

Cathy Adamczyk, Disability Policy Specialist at the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities resigned as a parent member and is an agency member effective Dec. 2, 2011.

To each agency (letter to agencies)

Top five issues/challenges that families of children with disabilities are facing, as reported to the CT Family Support Network.

How agencies respond -- what are they doing to address Department of Ed grant, behavioral SRBI framework.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: New Year's Council Luncheon -- Jan 12, 2012, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Office of Protection and Advocacy, Training Room.

Minutes recorded by Marie Bennett, Secretary